

as it ca'n't possibly make me larger, it must make me smaller, I suppose."

So she swallowed one of the cakes, and was delighted to find that she began shrinking directly. As soon as she was small enough to get through the door, she ran out of the house, and found quite a crowd of little animals and birds waiting outside. The poor little Lizard, Bill, was in the middle,



being held up by two guinea-pigs, who were giving it something out of a bottle. They all made a rush at Alice the moment she appeared; but she ran off as hard as she could, and soon found herself safe in a thick wood.

"The first thing I've got to do," said Alice to herself, as she wandered about in the wood, "is to grow to my right size again; and the second thing is to find my way into that lovely garden. I think that will be the best plan."

It sounded an excellent plan, no doubt, and very neatly and simply arranged: the only difficulty was, that she had not the smallest idea how to set

about it; and, while she was thinking of it, she was sitting on the ground, looking up at the trees, a little way off. Her head made her look up in the air.

An enormous puppy was looking at her with large round eyes, and one paw was raised, as if he would touch her. She said Alice, in a coaxing tone, and tried to whistle to it; but she was afraid all the time at the thought that it would bite her in which case it would be very dangerous. In spite of all her coaxing.

Hardly knowing what she did, she picked up a little bit of stick, and held it out to the puppy. Whereupon the puppy jumped up at it with its feet at once, with a yelp of delight, and then it ran at the stick, and made believe to bite it. Alice dodged behind a great tree, and was just in time to see the puppy run off. She appeared on the other side, and then she saw the other rush at the stick, and then she saw the puppy's heels in its hurry to get hold of it. She was thinking it was very like having a cart-horse, and expecting to be trampled under its feet, and then the puppy began to charge at the stick, running a